



## News Release

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### **Changes Announced for Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations**

According to Refuge Manager Paul Yakupzack, hunting regulations at Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge have been changed to make access to the refuge easier during the upcoming hunt seasons. Lottery Season Hunting permits will no longer be required for all hunters except for those desiring to hunt deer with modern firearms on November 24, 25 and 26. All hunters will be required to possess a signed refuge hunting permit found on the face of the hunting brochure. All other Refuge visitors including fishermen, birders, and photographers do not need a refuge permit. However, all Refuge visitors are expected to follow all state and federal regulations including those found in the refuge brochure.

Other changes include the complete closure of the Franklin Unit to all hunting. Small game and waterfowl hunters will be allowed to hunt 7 days per week except that archery, waterfowl and small game hunting will not be allowed during the gun deer hunts on October 28 and 29 (Youth Only) and November 24, 25, and 26.

Archery deer hunting will start on October 1 and extend through January 31, 2007, in the Centerville and Bayou Sale Units and that portion of the Garden City Unit south of the levee only. Archery deer hunting will start on October 1 and close on November 30 in the remainder of the Garden City Unit and in the North Bend-East and North Bend-West Units. All gun hunters regardless of age must possess the State Hunter Education Certification Card. All archery hunters must possess the Bow Hunter Education Card. All hunters must use the daily check in-check out cards available at Refuge Headquarters and at each refuge unit check station.

New refuge brochures are available at the refuge office in Franklin and at each of the 6 refuge unit check stations. An application for the Lottery Gun deer hunt is found within the new brochure. These applications will be accepted through September 15, 2006, by mail, email, fax or hand delivered at the Mandalay NWR Office, located at 3599 Bayou Black Drive, Houma, Louisiana, 70360. Emails may be addressed to [barret\\_fortier@fws.gov](mailto:barret_fortier@fws.gov)

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